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Attention:	l		
Dear :			

I appreciate your letter dated December 2, 2002, concerning the proposed IRS regulation (REG-103829-99) that would modify the definitions of "highway" and "nonhighway" vehicles for purposes of the excise tax on certain heavy vehicles. I assure you we will give your comments and suggestions on this issue our fullest consideration. We expect to receive additional comments at the hearing scheduled February 27, 2003.

IRS Chief Counsel attorneys met with

this past summer to
discuss this issue in general. These meetings provided an excellent opportunity to
develop a better understanding of the problems our proposal is intended to address and
to foster an exchange of ideas and information. I would be happy to arrange for similar
meetings with your staff. I also would be happy to meet with you. If you have any
questions or would like to schedule a meeting, please contact me, or
, Associate Chief Counsel (Passthroughs & Special Industries), at

I appreciate your interest and input on this issue.

Sincerely,

Bob Wenzel Acting Commissioner